GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5255
ANSWERED ON:05.04.2017
Unprecedented Delay of Trains
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains cancelled and delayed from January 2016 till date, date-wise;

(b) the number of trains which reached the station in time or before the scheduled time from January, 2016 till date, zone-wise and date-wise;

(c) the reasons for unprecedented delay of trains in the years 2016 and 2017 till date;

(d) whether the Railways has restricted the speed of trains to 60-70 kms per hour through informal message of the Railway Board; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5255 BY SHRI KIRTI AZAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING UNPRECEDENTED DELAY OF TRAINS

(a) Month-wise figures of Mail/Express trains cancelled and delayed from January 2016 till date (upto 28 March 2017) are appended as Appendix-I.
(b) Zonewise monthwise position of Mail/Express trains reached destination right time, or upto 15 minutes late during the period from January 2016 to 28 March 2017 is appended as Appendix-II.
(c) Trains get delayed on Indian Railways due to not only the factors related to its internal working but also external factors which Railways are not in control of. Other than asset failures which delay trains, various constraints/difficulties adversely affect punctuality. Some of these facts are line capacity and terminal capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates across the Indian Railways network, multi faceted Law & order problems, miscreant activities such as theft of Railway assets, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans etc.
(d) No, Madam. No such informal message has been issued from Railway Board for restricting the speed of trains to 60-70 kms. per hour. However, formal instructions exist regarding speed restriction during fog when visibility is reduced. During fog when the Loco Pilot in his judgment feels that visibility is restricted due to fog, he shall run at a restricted speed which shall not exceed 60 kmph in any case.
(e) Does not arise.

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